

APOSTILLE

Documents, issued in a particular country, may need authentication before submission in another country. In accordance with the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirements of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents, dated October 5, 1961, documents for submission to official agencies of countries who are members of the Convention, are authenticated in a particular way, namely an Apostille.

A special certificate, called “Apostille” is attached to the document in the country of issuance. It can be stamped on the document or can be attached as a separate sheet. The certificate has a standard form, stipulated by the Convention, and provides the following information:

1. In the upper half of the certificate there is the title in French "APOSTILLE (Convention de la Haye du 5 octobre 1961)".
2. the country of issuance
3. the person who signed it
4. the person who authenticated the document, his signature and seal/stamp, when and where it was authenticated, and a registration number.

If the documents were issued by official agencies or notaries of a particular state of the USA, they must be authenticated by the Apostille of the Secretary of this state. Contact information for the Secretaries of states can be also found at the website.

Because both Kazakhstan and the USA are members of the Hague Convention, documents authenticated with Apostille of the issuing country, do not require legalization by the Embassy of that country.